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**Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/108,189**  
**For: AN INTRODUCER SHEATH FOR USE DURING**  
**A SURGICAL PROCEDURE**  
**Our Reference No: 23660-00611**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced application are the following documents:

- (1) Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (1 sheet);
- (2) Fee Transmittal (in duplicate); and
- (3) Petition for Extension of Time (3 months) (1 sheet).

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Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

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**For FY 2006**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Total Claims		
- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____		
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.		
Indep. Claims		
- 3 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____		
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Fees Paid (\$)

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